



Community & Environment Committee

Agenda: *Community & Environment Committee*

Date: *Monday 8 February 2010*

Time: *6.00pm*

Outline of Meeting Protocol & Procedure:

- The Chairperson will call the Meeting to order and ask the Committee/Staff to present apologies or late correspondence.
- The Chairperson will commence the Order of Business as shown in the Index to the Agenda.
- At the beginning of each item the Chairperson will ask whether a member(s) of the public wish to address the Committee.
- If person(s) wish to address the Committee, they are allowed four (4) minutes in which to do so. Please direct comments to the issues at hand.
- If there are persons representing both sides of a matter (eg applicant/objector), the person(s) against the recommendation speak first.
- At the conclusion of the allotted four (4) minutes, the speaker resumes his/her seat and takes no further part in the debate unless specifically called to do so by the Chairperson.
- If there is more than one (1) person wishing to address the Committee from the same side of the debate, the Chairperson will request that where possible a spokesperson be nominated to represent the parties.
- The Chairperson has the discretion whether to continue to accept speakers from the floor.
- After considering any submissions the Committee will debate the matter (if necessary), and arrive at a recommendation (R items which proceed to Full Council) or a resolution (D items for which the Committee has delegated authority).

Recommendation only to the Full Council (“R” Items)

- Such matters as are specified in Section 377 of the Local Government Act and within the ambit of the Committee considerations.
- Matters which involve broad strategic or policy initiatives within responsibilities of Committee.
- Matters requiring the expenditure of moneys and in respect of which no Council vote has been made.
- Matters delegated to the Council by the Traffic Authority of NSW.
- Matters not within the specified functions of the Committee,
- Matters reserved by individual Councillors in accordance with any Council policy on "safeguards" and substantive changes.
- Parks and Reserves Plans of Management (Strategies, Policies and Objectives).
- Residential Parking Schemes - Provision and Policies.

Delegated Authority (“D” Items)

- Community Services and Programs.
- Library Services
- Health.
- Licensing.
- Liquor Licences.
- Regulatory.
- Fire Protection Orders.
- Residential Parking Schemes (surveillance and administration).
- Traffic Management (Traffic Committee Recommendations).
- Waste Minimisation.
- To require such investigations, reports or actions as considered necessary in respect of matters contained within the Business Agendas (and as may be limited by specific Council resolution).
- Confirmation of the Minutes of its Meetings.
- Any other matter falling within the responsibility of the Community and Environment Committee and not restricted by the Local Government Act or required to be a Recommendation to Full Council as listed above.
- Statutory reviews of Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

Committee Membership:

7 Councillors

Quorum:

The quorum for a Committee meeting is 4 Councillors.

WOOLLAHRA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Notice of Meeting

4 February 2010

To: His Worship The Mayor, Councillor Andrew Petrie ex-officio
Councillors Sean Carmichael (Chair)
Anthony Boskovitz
Nicola Grieve
Susan Jarnason
Greg Medcraft
Isabelle Shapiro
Susan Wynne (Deputy)

Dear Councillors

Community & Environment Committee Meeting – 8 February 2010

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, I request your attendance at a Meeting of the Council's **Community and Environment Committee** to be held in the **Council Chambers, 536 New South Head Road, Double Bay, on Monday 8 February 2010 at 6.00pm.**

Gary James
General Manager

Additional Information Relating to Committee Matters

Site Inspection

Other Matters

Meeting Agenda

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Item No: D1 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 1 February 2010**
Author: Les Windle, Manager - Governance
File No: See Council Minutes
Reason for Report: The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 1 February 2010 were previously circulated. In accordance with the guidelines for Committees' operations it is now necessary that those Minutes be formally taken as read and confirmed.

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee Meeting of 1 February 2010 be taken as read and confirmed.

Les Windle
Manager – Governance

Item No: D2 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes – 2 February 2010**
Author: Tom O’Hanlon – Director, Technical Services
File No: 595.G 2010
Reason for Report: For the Committee to consider the recommendations of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee.

Recommendation:

- A. That the Recommendations Y1-Y15 contained in the minutes of the Woollahra Traffic Committee, and as signed by the members of the Committee, held on Tuesday 2 February 2010 be adopted.
 - B. That the Traffic Committee items be funded as outlined in Annexure 1.
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Tom O’Hanlon
Director - Technical Services

<u>Traffic Item</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Funding</u>
Y1-1	Holdsworth Street, Woollahra – Request for parking restrictions	Council's Block Grant for Traffic Facilities
Y1-2	James Street, Woollahra – Removal of parking restrictions	Nil
Y1-3	Cooper Street, Paddington – Two-way road signage	Council's Block Grant for Traffic Facilities
Y2	New South Head Road, Point Piper - Sewer realignment works – TCP & Signage	All costs to be at the Contractor's Expense
Y3	Bellevue Road, Bellevue Hill - Traffic calming community consultation	To be allocated in the draft 2010/11 Traffic Capital Works Program.
Y4	Mona Road and Darling Point Road, Darling Point - Traffic calming community consultation	To be funded from the 2009/2010 Traffic Works Program.
Y5	Newcastle Street, Rose Bay - Temporary Road Closure	All costs to be borne by applicant
Y6	Mansion Road, Bellevue Hill – Traffic Management	All costs to be borne by The Scots College.
Y7	New Years Eve Traffic Management De-Brief	Nil
Y8	Woollahra Bicycle Strategy 2009/2010	To be funded from the 2009/2010 allocation in the current Capital Works Budget for bicycle works
Y9	No.2 Cliff Street, Watsons Bay - Works Zone	Works Zone is in an area zoned as Business Special Restricted 3(b1). The fee payable shall be in accordance with Council's adopted fees and charges for this zoning.
Y10	No.5 Carlotta Road (Glendon Road), Double Bay – Works Zone	Works Zone is in an area zoned as Residential 2(b). The fee payable shall be in accordance with Council's adopted fees and charges for this zoning.
Y11	No.217-219 Underwood Street, Paddington – Works Zone	Works Zone is in an area zoned as Residential 2(a). The fee payable shall be in accordance with Council's adopted fees and charges for this zoning.
Y12	No.59 Manning Road, Double Bay – Works Zone	Works Zone is in an area zoned as Residential 2(a). The fee payable shall be in accordance with Council's adopted fees and charges for this zoning.

Y13	No.2 Forth Street, Woollahra – Works Zone	Works Zone is in an area zoned as Special Uses (school). The fee payable shall be in accordance with Council’s adopted fees and charges for this zoning.
Y14	No.3-5 Loftus Road, Darling Point – Works Zone	Works Zone is in an area zoned as Residential 2(b). The fee payable shall be in accordance with Council’s adopted fees and charges for this zoning.
Y15	Bellevue Park Road, Bellevue Hill – Works Zone	Works Zone is in an area zoned as Special Uses (school). The fee payable shall be in accordance with Council’s adopted fees and charges for this zoning.

Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes

The meeting of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee was held in the Council Committee Room, Double Bay, on Tuesday 2 February 2010 at 10.00am.

1. Attendances

Committee Members:

Present:	Mr Alan Opera (Chairman)	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Kyle Wells	(Roads and Traffic Authority)
	Const Louise Tsolakis	(Rose Bay Police - Traffic)
	Mr John Giblin	(Peter Debnam MP Representative)
Staff:	Mr Frank Rotta	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Daniel Pearse	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Paul Davidson	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Ms Armodee Reece	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Tom O'Hanlon	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
Apologies:	Ms Robyn Attuell	(Clover Moore MP Representative)
Observer:	Mr E Graham	(Sydney Buses)
	Clr Howe	(Item Y3 – Bellevue Road)

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of Meeting No.11/09 held in Council Chambers, Double Bay, on Tuesday 1 December 2009 were confirmed by Mr A Opera and Mr J Giblin.

3. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings

Nil

4. Local Traffic Committee recommendations not adopted or amended by Woollahra Council Community & Environment Committee

December Local Traffic Committee 2009
Item Y12 – Wallis Street / Bowden Street, Woollahra – Resident Permit Parking

5. Extraordinary Meetings

Nil

6. Late Correspondence

Nil

7. Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Item No: Y1 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **PARKING RESTRICTIONS CHANGES**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer, Daniel Pearse – Traffic Engineer

File No: (Refer to Table 1)

Reason for Report: Various parking restriction changes throughout the Woollahra Council area.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

A. That the recommendations of Item Y1-1 to Y1-3 contained in Annexure 1 be adopted.

Item Y1-1: Holdsworth Street, Woollahra – Request for parking restrictions

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

1. That the existing “No Parking” restrictions across the Holdsworth Street driveway to No.17 Weldon Lane, Woollahra be extended by 2 metres in a southerly direction.

Item Y1-2: James Street, Woollahra – Removal of parking restrictions

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

1. That the ‘No Parking’ restrictions approved on the southern side of James Street to cover the driveway to No. 4 James Street Woollahra not be installed.

Item Y1-3: Cooper Street, Paddington – Two-way road signage

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

1. That back to back “Two-Way” warning signposting (W4-11) be installed on ELP No.SY20149 located on the northern side of Cooper Street opposite Cooper Lane, Paddington.

2. That back to back “Two-Way” warning signposting (W4-11) be installed on unnumbered ELP located on the southern side of Cooper Street opposite the prolongation of the common boundary between Nos 4-6 Cooper Street, Paddington.

Item No: Y2 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **NEW SOUTH HEAD ROAD, POINT PIPER – SEWER REALIGNMENT WORKS – TCP & SIGNAGE**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: T349

Reason for Report: Traffic Committee approval of TCP and signage for sewer realignment works for in New South Head Road, Point Piper.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That the TCP for the sewer realignment works in New South Head Road, Point Piper just west of Wunulla Road as detailed in Annexure 1 be approved subject to:
- i. All affected residents within 100 metres of the site in New South Head Road, Sydney Buses and all residents in Point Piper being informed by the contractor in writing at least 7 days before the commencement of works and reminded in writing 1 day before the works of the alterations in traffic and parking conditions which will take place during the works.
 - ii. The applicant shall advertise the traffic management changes in the local paper 28 days prior to the event
 - iii. All traffic controllers must be RTA accredited.
 - iv. The contractor must provide Council officers, Sydney Buses and residents 24 hour contact details during the project.
 - v. The applicant must comply with all requirements of the RTA, the Police and Sydney Buses.
- B. That the temporary “No Stopping” restrictions on the southern side of New South Head Road between Rose Bay Avenue and the traffic signals at Wolseley Road be approved and installed by the contractor by 4pm on the day of the commencement of the works and that the current restrictions be re-instated when the works are completed.
- C. That the applicant provide Council with \$10,000,000 public liability insurance to cover any claims against Council which may occur as a result of this activity.
- D. That the applicant apply for and receive a Road Occupancy Licence from the RTA’s Traffic Management Centre the requested alterations to traffic flows in New South Head Road and in adjoining streets.

Item No: Y3 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **BELLEVUE ROAD, BELLEVUE HILL - TRAFFIC CALMING COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: 256.G / T34

Reason for Report: Report on community consultation on proposed traffic calming measures for Bellevue Road, Bellevue Hill.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That Stage 1 as detailed Plan No.15040 and in the Staged Action Plan included in this report be approved.
- B. That detailed designs for Stage 1 be referred back to the Traffic Committee.
- C. That further consultation for Stages 2 and 3 be carried out with Sydney Buses, the RTA and Police.
- D. That residents with a frontage to Bellevue Road and BIKEast be advised of the status of the project.

Item No: Y4 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for consideration.

Subject: **MONA ROAD & DARLING POINT ROAD, DARLING POINT - TRAFFIC CALMING COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Author: Daniel Pearse – Traffic Engineer

File No: 315. / T123

Reason for Report: Consideration of plan for traffic calming / pedestrian friendly facilities in Mona Road and Darling Point Road as per the Darling Point Traffic Study.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That the installation of a 75mm recycled rubber speed hump between the gutters in Mona Road between the two (2) driveways to No.42 Mona Road in a location and configuration as shown in Annexure 1 be approved for construction.
- B. That the installation of a 75mm recycled rubber speed hump and median strip in Darling Point Road, just north of Marathon Road in a location as shown in Annexure 2 be approved for construction.
- C. That the installation of a 75mm recycled rubber speed hump and median strip in Darling Point Road, just north of St Marks Road in a location as shown in Annexure 3 be approved for construction.
- D. That the configuration of the rubber speed humps in Darling Point Road be the subject of negotiation between Council Officers and Sydney Buses.

- E. That the BB centreline fronting No.12 to 30 Mona Road, Darling Point be refreshed with new raised reflective pavement markers (RRPM) spaced at 2.5m.
- F. Council's Traffic Section monitor the traffic speeds in Mona Road in the vicinity of 29-33 Mona Road, Darling Point Road south of St Marks Road and Darling Point Road north of Marathon Road within 6 months after the installation of the speed humps being recommended by this report to determine whether or not any further action is warranted at these locations.

Item No: Y5 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **NEWCASTLE STREET, ROSE BAY – TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: 328. Pt3

Reason for Report: Request by Rose Bay Greek Orthodox Church for temporary road closure during Greek Easter Midnight Service.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That subject to the following conditions being met, approval be granted to the temporary closure of Newcastle Street, Rose Bay, between Faraday Avenue and Old South Head Road, Rose Bay between 8.00pm and 11.30pm on Friday 2 April, 2010 and between 11.00pm Saturday 3 April and 12.30am Sunday 4 April 2010.
- i. The applicant must submit a Traffic Management Plan prepared by an RTA accredited traffic consultant to Council. Council will advise the RTA's Sydney Transport Management Centre (TMC) of the temporary road closure.
 - ii. The applicant shall obtain the written approval from the NSW Police Department (Rose Bay Police Station) for the temporary closure of Newcastle Street, Rose Bay. If security personnel are used, NSW Police should be advised.
 - iii. The applicant shall comply with all directives of the NSW Police Department, either provided on the day or beforehand.
 - iv. The applicant shall be responsible for informing all residents of Newcastle Street and adjoining streets of the temporary road closure at least seven (7) days before the event via a letterbox drop and shall advertise the traffic management changes in the local paper 28 days prior to the event.
 - v. The applicant shall supply and erect all barriers and traffic signs necessary for the road closure, and shall be responsible for the removal of any barriers and signs immediately after the completion of the event.
 - vi. The applicant shall be responsible for the manning of the barriers and the directing of traffic around the temporary road closure.

- vii. Vehicles having legitimate business within the closed section of roadway shall be allowed access. A warning sign should be displayed on Old South Head Road informing drivers of the road closure.
 - viii. The applicant shall be responsible for informing all Emergency Services of the proposed road closure.
 - ix. A clear passageway of 4 metres wide shall be maintained within the road closure for emergency access.
 - x. The applicant shall be responsible for the cost of repairing any damage caused to Council Infrastructure as a result of the temporary road closure.
- B. That the applicant provide Council with \$10,000,000 public liability insurance to cover any claims against Council which may occur as a result of this activity.

Item No: Y6 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **MANSION ROAD, BELLEVUE HILL - TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

Author: Paul Davidson – Traffic & Transport Team Leader

File No: 301.

Reason for Report: Signage changes in Mansion Road in conjunction with the road widening works.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That the signage for Mansion Road, Bellevue Hill as outlined in the Traffic and Parking Management Plan (Annexure 3) be approved for implementation in conjunction with the road widening works in Mansion Road.

Item No: Y7 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **NEW YEARS EVE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT DE-BRIEF**

Author: Paul Davidson – Traffic & Transport Team Leader

File No: 37.G

Reason for Report: 2009 New Years Eve Traffic Management De-Brief

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That the information contained in this report be noted.

Item No: Y8 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration
Subject: **WOOLLAHRA BICYCLE STRATEGY 2009/2010**
Author: Paul Davidson – Traffic & Transport Team Leader
File No: 256.G
Reason for Report: Implementation Woollahra’s Bicycle Strategy 2009/2010 and 2010/2011

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

A. That the information contained in this report be noted.

Item No: Y9 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration
Subject: **No. 2 CLIFF STREET, WATSONS BAY – WORKS ZONE**
Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer
File No: 407.G Pt13
Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for No.2 Cliff Street, Watsons Bay. The proposed Works Zone is 8 metres in length and is to be located on the western side of Cliff Street from 0.4 metres north of the common boundary between No.2 Cliff Street and the carpark to No. 11 Marine Parade, in a southerly direction for 8 metres, and subject to the following conditions;
- i. Any directive provided by the NSW Police Department is to be complied with.
 - ii. The Works Zone is to operate between the hours of 7.00am-4.00pm Monday-Friday and 7.00am-1.00pm Saturday for a period of 16 weeks from March, 2010 (to be calculated from sign installation date).
 - iii. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage truck movements to and from the construction site, and if necessary to and from the adjacent street system, in accordance with the RTA’s Traffic Control at Works Sites manual.
 - iv. The existing unrestricted parking restrictions are to be maintained outside of the Works Zone hours of operation.
 - v. The applicant must ensure that the traffic lanes, footpaths and driveways, adjacent to the Works Zone, remain free of obstruction at all times during the construction.
 - vi. The applicant must inform Council’s Traffic Engineer when the project is completed so that the Works Zone can be removed.
 - vii. Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the cancellation of the Works Zone at Council’s discretion.
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- viii. Should the Works Zone be required for a period longer than the approved period, permission from the Director of Technical Services is required to extend the Works Zone.
 - ix. Any alteration to the hours of operation of the Work Zone will require the approval of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee.
- B. That the applicant notifies all residents and businesses whose property frontage is within 50 metres of the Works Zone.

Item No: Y10 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **No. 5 CARLOTTA ROAD (GLENDON ROAD), DOUBLE BAY – WORKS ZONE**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: 407.G Pt13

Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for No.5 Carlotta Road in Glendon Road, Double Bay. The proposed Works Zone is to be located on the eastern side of Glendon Road from the northern end of the driveway to the property for a distance of 9 metres in a northerly direction and is subject to the following conditions:
- i. Any directive provided by the NSW Police Department is to be complied with.
 - ii. The Works Zone is to operate between the hours of 7.00am-4.00pm Mon-Fri and 7.00am-1.00pm Sat for a period of 24 weeks from February, 2010 (to be calculated from sign installation date).
 - iii. A Permit to Stand Plant will be required for all concrete pours, deliveries and/or truck presences in relation to the construction works.
 - iv. Existing unrestricted parking restrictions are to be maintained outside of the Works Zone hours of operation.
 - v. The applicant must ensure that the traffic lanes, footpaths and driveways, adjacent to the Works Zone, remain free of obstruction at all times during the construction.
 - vi. The applicant must inform Council's Traffic Engineer when the project is completed and the Works Zone can be removed.
 - vii. Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the cancellation of the Works Zone at Council's discretion.
 - viii. Should the Works Zone be required for a period longer than the approved period, permission from the Director of Technical Services is required to extend the Works Zone.

- ix. Any alteration to the hours of operation of the Work Zone will require the approval of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee.
- B. That the applicant notifies all residents and businesses whose property frontage is within 50 metres of the Works Zone.

Item No: Y11 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **No. 217-219 UNDERWOOD STREET, PADDINGTON – WORKS ZONE**

Author: Daniel Pearse – Traffic Engineer

File No: 407.G Pt13

Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for No.217-219 Underwood Street, Paddington. The proposed Works Zone is to be located on the northern side of Underwood Street from the western side of the existing driveway to the site and extending 7 metres in an easterly direction and is subject to the following conditions:
- i. Any directive provided by the NSW Police Department is to be complied with.
 - ii. The Works Zone is to operate between the hours of 7.00am-4.00pm Mon-Fri and 7.00am-1.00pm Sat for a period of 30 weeks from February, 2010 (to be calculated from sign installation date).
 - iii. A Permit to Stand Plant will be required for all concrete pours, deliveries and/or truck presences in relation to the construction works.
 - iv. Existing parking restrictions (2P 8am-11pm ARVE Pgtm 2) are to be maintained outside of the Works Zone hours of operation.
 - v. The applicant must ensure that the traffic lanes, footpaths and driveways, adjacent to the Works Zone, remain free of obstruction at all times during the construction.
 - vi. The applicant must inform Council's Traffic Engineer when the project is completed and the Works Zone can be removed.
 - vii. Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the cancellation of the Works Zone at Council's discretion.
 - viii. Should the Works Zone be required for a period longer than the approved period, permission from the Director of Technical Services is required to extend the Works Zone.
 - ix. Any alteration to the hours of operation of the Work Zone will require the approval of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee.

- B. That the applicant notifies all residents and businesses whose property frontage is within 50 metres of the Works Zone.
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Item No: Y12 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration
Subject: **No. 59 MANNING ROAD, DOUBLE BAY – WORKS ZONE**
Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer
File No: 407.G Pt13
Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for No.59 Manning Road, Double Bay. The proposed Works Zone is to be located on the southern side of Manning Road from the eastern side of the existing driveway to the site and extending 6 metres in a westerly direction and is subject to the following conditions:
- i. Any directive provided by the NSW Police Department is to be complied with.
 - ii. The Works Zone is to operate between the hours of 7.00am-4.00pm Mon-Fri and 7.00am-1.00pm Sat for a period of 26 weeks from February, 2010 (to be calculated from sign installation date).
 - iii. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage truck movements to and from the construction site, and if necessary to and from the adjacent street system, in accordance with the RTA's Traffic Control at Works Sites manual.
 - iv. Truck movements shall be limited to not restrict the passage of buses prior between 7am and 9am and after 3pm.
 - v. A Permit to Stand Plant will be required for all concrete pours, deliveries and/or truck presences in relation to the construction works.
 - vi. Existing unrestricted parking shall be maintained outside of the Works Zone hours of operation.
 - vii. The applicant must ensure that the traffic lanes, footpaths and driveways, adjacent to the Works Zone, remain free of obstruction at all times during the construction.
 - viii. The applicant must inform Council's Traffic Engineer when the project is completed and the Works Zone can be removed.
 - ix. Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the cancellation of the Works Zone at Council's discretion.
 - x. Should the Works Zone be required for a period longer than the approved period, permission from the Director of Technical Services is required to extend the Works Zone.

- xi. Any alteration to the hours of operation of the Work Zone will require the approval of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee.
- B. That the applicant notifies all residents and businesses whose property frontage is within 50 metres of the Works Zone.

Item No: Y13 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **No. 2 FORTH STREET, WOOLLAHRA – WORKS ZONE**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: 407.G Pt13

Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for No.2 Forth Street. The proposed Works Zone is to be located on the northern side of Forth Street from 6.2 metres west of the timed bus zone in front of the school for a distance of 8 metres in a westerly direction and is subject to the following conditions:
- i. Any directive provided by the NSW Police Department is to be complied with.
 - ii. The Works Zone is to operate between the hours of 7.00am-5.00pm Mon-Fri and 7.00am-1.00pm Sat for a period of 36 weeks from February, 2010 (to be calculated from sign installation date).
 - iii. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage truck movements to and from the construction site, and if necessary to and from the adjacent street system, in accordance with the RTA's Traffic Control at Works Sites manual.
 - iv. A Permit to Stand Plant will be required for all concrete pours, deliveries and/or truck presences in relation to the construction works.
 - v. Existing unrestricted parking shall be maintained outside of the Works Zone hours of operation.
 - vi. The applicant must ensure that the traffic lanes, footpaths and driveways, adjacent to the Works Zone, remain free of obstruction at all times during the construction.
 - vii. The applicant must inform Council's Traffic Engineer when the project is completed and the Works Zone can be removed.
 - viii. Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the cancellation of the Works Zone at Council's discretion.
 - ix. Should the Works Zone be required for a period longer than the approved period, permission from the Director of Technical Services is required to extend the Works Zone.

- x. Any alteration to the hours of operation of the Work Zone will require the approval of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee.
- B. That the applicant notifies all residents and businesses whose property frontage is within 50 metres of the Works Zone.

Item No: Y14 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **No. 3-5 LOFTUS ROAD, DARLING POINT – WORKS ZONE**

Author: Daniel Pearse – Traffic Engineer

File No: 407.G Pt13

Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for No.3-5 Loftus Road, Darling Point. The proposed Works Zone is to be located on the northern side of Loftus Road, commencing from the eastern side of the driveway to No. 5 and extending west to the eastern side of the driveway to No. 1A Loftus Road (a distance of 32.5m) and is subject to the following conditions:
- i. Any directive provided by the NSW Police Department is to be complied with.
 - ii. The Works Zone is to operate between the hours of 7.00am-4.00pm Mon-Fri and 7.00am-1.00pm Sat for a period of 16 weeks from February, 2010 (to be calculated from sign installation date).
 - iii. A Permit to Stand Plant will be required for all concrete pours, deliveries and/or truck presences in relation to the construction works.
 - iv. Existing parking restrictions (2P 8am- 8pm PHE AREA RUSH 1 & D’POINT 1) are to be maintained outside of the Works Zone hours of operation.
 - v. The applicant must ensure that the traffic lanes, footpaths and driveways, adjacent to the Works Zone, remain free of obstruction at all times during the construction.
 - vi. The applicant must inform Council’s Traffic Engineer when the project is completed and the Works Zone can be removed.
 - vii. Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the cancellation of the Works Zone at Council’s discretion.
 - viii. Should the Works Zone be required for a period longer than the approved period, permission from the Director of Technical Services is required to extend the Works Zone.
 - ix. Any alteration to the hours of operation of the Work Zone will require the approval of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee.

- x. Prior to the Works Zone being installed, the applicant must provide a Traffic Management Plan for approval by Council's Traffic section to ensure vehicle and pedestrian traffic flows are maintained.
- B. That the applicant notifies all residents and businesses whose property frontage is within 50 metres of the Works Zone.

Item No: Y15 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **BELLEVUE PARK ROAD, BELLEVUE HILL – WORKS ZONE**

Author: Daniel Pearse – Traffic Engineer

File No: 407.G Pt13

Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for Bellevue Hill Public School, Bellevue Hill. The proposed Works Zone is to be located on the northern side of Bellevue Park Road, commencing from the No Parking (Arrow Right) sign covering the cul-de-sac bulb for a distance of 12m in a westerly direction, and is subject to the following conditions:
- i. Any directive provided by the NSW Police Department is to be complied with.
 - ii. The Works Zone is to operate between the hours of 7.00am-4.00pm Mon-Fri and 7.00am-1.00pm Sat for a period of 16 weeks from February, 2010 (to be calculated from sign installation date).
 - iii. A Permit to Stand Plant will be required for all concrete pours, deliveries and/or truck presences in relation to the construction works.
 - iv. Existing unrestricted parking is to be maintained outside of the Works Zone hours of operation.
 - v. The applicant must ensure that the traffic lanes, footpaths and driveways, adjacent to the Works Zone, remain free of obstruction at all times during the construction.
 - vi. The applicant must inform Council's Traffic Engineer when the project is completed and the Works Zone can be removed.
 - vii. Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the cancellation of the Works Zone at Council's discretion.
 - viii. Should the Works Zone be required for a period longer than the approved period, permission from the Director of Technical Services is required to extend the Works Zone.
 - ix. Any alteration to the hours of operation of the Work Zone will require the approval of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee.

- B. That the applicant notifies all residents and businesses whose property frontage is within 50 metres of the Works Zone.
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8. Late Items

Nil

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 1.00pm.

Alan Opera
Chair

Item No: D3 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Library Quarterly Report 1 October 2009 to 31 December 2009**
Author: Vicki Munro, Manager, Library and Information Services
File No: 48.G / 48.G (Strategic)
Reason for Report: To review the operations of Woollahra Library and Information Service for the quarter, 1 October to 31 December 2009.

Recommendation:

- A. That the report of the library service for the quarter 1 October to 31 December 2009 be received and noted.

This report reviews Woollahra Library and Information Service's activities and projects for the quarter 1 October to 31 December 2009, including detailed statistical analysis, as well as progress in implementing the Library Strategic Plan, *The Way Forward*.

1.0 Library Usage

To gain a better understanding of the Library usage, this report compares statistics from 1 October to 31 December 2009 with the same quarter for the previous year – 1 October to 31 December 2008. See Annexure 1 for all statistical figures.

Significant points to note include:

1.1 Lending Services

- As at 31 December 2009, Woollahra Library and Information Service had 15,059 active members. Active membership is defined as borrowers who have used the service within a two year period. This represents a slight decrease of 1% in total Library membership. The percentage of borrowers to population currently sits at 30.02% based on the Woollahra LGA population of 50,161 (2006 ABS census).

As outlined in the Library Strategic Plan, the Library will be undertaking a targeted membership drive in 2010 to help address the recent fall in new memberships. This will commence with the opening of the renovated Watsons Bay Library.

- There are positive results in the Library's circulation with an overall increase of 4% across all service points, from 97,202 to 101,128. There was an average of 45.80 loans per hour between October and December, which increased 4% from 44.02 loans per hour for the previous year.

Both Adult Fiction and Non-Fiction had an increase in circulation, which can be attributed to the rise in new stock from the outsourcing of book selection and processing. Currently the Library ensures that all new shelf ready stock is available for our customers within 48 hours of receiving the items.

It is worthy to note the significant increase of 23% in Junior Fiction circulation (this includes the picture book and preschool collections). In conjunction with the introduction of the new Children's program, the Library has targeted the purchase of new resources in the early childhood / picture book area.

Magazine circulation has also continued to grow by a solid 20%. This represents 6,542 loans for the quarter compared to 5,466 in the second quarter of last year, continuing the upward trend which followed the annual review of subscriptions.

DVD circulation has fallen by 12% from the same period last year, due to the change in the loan period which was enacted in January 2009 (from one week to three weeks).

- A total of 57,800 people visited Double Bay and Paddington Libraries from October to December 2009. Since the Watsons Bay branch does not have a people counter, no figures are available at this stage. This will soon be rectified when the library is relocated to its new home at the Tea Rooms.
- The free wireless service offered through uConnect continues to be popular at the Double Bay Central, Paddington Libraries and the Local History Centre. Usage has continued to increase, rising to 2,435 sessions during October to December, a gain of 7% over the last quarter. The new Watsons Bay Library will also open with free wireless internet access.

1.2 Information Service and Research

- Previous to this quarter, reference enquiry statistics included reference and reader's advice, directional enquiries as well as assistance with computers and inter-branch transfers. From this quarter onwards, statistics for reference enquiries are being compiled differently with inter-branch transfers now being aligned to the loans section for reporting purposes. This change has resulted in a 9% decrease in reference enquiries for the quarter over the same period in 2009.

- The number of enquiries handled at the Local History Centre has remained steady over all categories, with some variation between enquiry types.

A noticeable increase in the number of Council/Council consultants' category reflects the approaching Sesquicentenary of the Woollahra Municipality, and the level of assistance given to consultant designers for the implementation of signage at the Gap and Cooper Parks.

Notable achievements of the Centre this quarter include the development of a new web-page, "External resources" placed onto the Local History page in mid December 2009 and the engagement of Conservation consultants who will be undertaking the first stage of the Map Preservation project.

- As in past quarters, there has been a continued decline in database usage for the October to December 2009 quarter. It is anticipated that these results will improve with the following review implementations:
 - Updated URLs to access the six EBSCO databases supplied through NSW.net, to reduce the number of mouse clicks required to access information. These updated links will also allow the Library to create reports to show both "in library" and "from home" usage.
 - Implementation of a federated search engine so that clients can search across all databases available through the Woollahra Library and Information Services, the library catalogue and the local history picture database.
 - An analysis of the results of the user needs survey for electronic information to commence in February 2010 to ensure this collection reflects community needs.
- The number of YourTutor sessions (online homework help) has continued in an upward trend with a 24% increase in sessions this quarter over the same period in 2008. This increase is linked to a more active promotion of the service. It is envisaged that there will be a further rise in use when outreach programs re-commence in the new school year for 2010.

1.3 Community Learning Programs

- Attendance has continued to increase across all Library service points for our Storytime and Rhyme Time programs and as a result both programs will be extended to all Library service points in 2010.
- The Children's and Young Adult team has been busy this quarter with the following highlights:
 - October School Holidays were celebrated with a variety of activities aimed at Primary school aged children. There were five different activities (Circus Crafts, Spring Art and a Circus Workshop) across the Library service points with a total of 120 participants.
 - In December 2009, a Festive Fun Party was held to celebrate the festive season at all Library service points with all sessions at capacity.
 - A Festive storytime was also held at Vacluse House Tea Rooms on 2 December 2009 with 23 children in attendance. This new outreach program has been a success since it commenced in September 2009 and this partnership will continue throughout 2010.
- Other major cultural events hosted by Woollahra Library and Information Service during this quarter included:
 - On Saturday 21 November 2009 another highly successful Local Writers' Word Festival was held. Local authors were invited to share their work and participate in workshops with current authors and publishers in the field. The Library received 25 submissions and 11 local authors were chosen to present their work. The event attracted an audience of 56.
 - The Woollahra Library Friends Christmas party, attended by Lesley McKay booksellers who discussed good reads for the holidays, was held on Thursday 3 December 2009. The party was attended by 54 Library Friends and Councillors.
 - Tea Topics, the Library's series of free, daytime talks, continued this quarter, covering topics such as an entertaining look at Space and William Wentworth with Andrew Tink. Two events were held with a total of 97 attending.
- The Home Library Service provided material to 189 individual borrowers and 8 institutions, with double deliveries made before the end of the year. Currently, the Library has 7 volunteers who assist in the provision of the service and they made a total of 84 visits this quarter. New Home Library Service brochures and posters were produced this quarter.

It is noted that the number of items lent to Institutions decreased this quarter. This is due to the implementation of a Bulk Loan Policy which has been introduced to assist with stock security, legal requirements due to copyright and charging for lost items.

The selection of titles available on Audio Navigator format were limited and many titles had been read out, which saw a reduction of loans in this format.

2.0 Library Strategic Plan – Progress update

The Library Strategic Plan “The Way Forward” was adopted by Council on 17 December 2007. Progress on the key strategies is as follows:

- Building:

Work is well underway on the relocation of the Watsons Bay Library from Dunbar House to the nearby Watsons Bay Tea Gardens. Construction and fit out is near completion and it is intended that the new library will open in March 2010.

- **Collection:**

As part of implementing the Library's Collection Plan 2009 - 2014, a weeding program is nearing completion. The outcome of this plan is to have a vibrant, relevant and creative collection meeting community demand. A book sale will be held from Friday 12 February to Sunday 14 February 2010 for all weeded stock.

A review of the Toy Library collection was completed in December 2009. The collection has been in decline for a number of years and it is recommended that the collection be disbanded in the short term and that consideration be given to a toy library in the new Double Bay Library where space would be available.

- **Technology**

At the completion of the weeding program, the library will commence to tag 120,000 items in their collection with RFID (Radio-frequency identification) technology. The information is read by an RFID reader, which replaces the standard barcode reader commonly found at a library's circulation desk.

The benefits of this technology include ability for Library members to issue their own resources through an efficient, easy-to-use self service device, improved security and collection management and increased customer service with staff being redirected to information and reader's advisory services.

- **New Policies and Procedures**

The following key Library policies have been developed and updated:

Animals in the Library Policy

This policy has been developed to provision of a safe environment where risk is minimised at all times. Members of the public and staff must not bring animals into the library, with the only exception being a guide dog or other animal trained to alleviate the effect of a disability as defined in the Disability and Discrimination Act 1992

Young People in the Library Procedure

This policy has been developed to provide a clear understanding of the role of the library and the scope of its services as they apply to children and young people.

3.0 Community Information

3.1 Projects

The *What's On* e-newsletter launched last quarter has seen continuing success. During this quarter, the number of email subscribers increased by 66% (from 378 at the end of September 09 to 629 at the end of December 09).

This increase can be attributed to promotion at Kids Day Out and the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize events (attracting 144 new subscribers) and a letter encouraging subscribers of the print edition to change their subscription over to the electronic version (24 subscribers changed to

electronic). The remaining subscribed on Council's website. During this quarter only 2 people unsubscribed representing an unsubscribe rate of 0.32%, an excellent result.

3.2 Community Information Database (LINCS)

LINCS searches show a 23% decrease from the same quarter last year. This shows that methods for ongoing promotion need to be identified if a growth in searches is to be achieved.

3.3 New Resident's Kits

56 New Resident's Kits were requested during this quarter, a decrease of 4 from the last quarter.

Conclusion:

The Library and Information Service has continued to move forward with the implementation of the Library Strategic Plan and provide a wide range of programs and services suitable to the Woollahra community.

Vicki Munro
Manager – Library and Information Services

Kylie Walshe
Director Community Services

ANNEXURES:

Annexure 1: Library Statistics for October to December 2009

Item No: R1 Recommendation to Council
Subject **2009 Cultural Program Evaluation**
Author: Jo Jansyn, Cultural Development Coordinator
File No: 79.G CCD, 20.G, 596.G
Reason for Report: To provide a detailed summary of the 2009 Community Services Cultural Activities Program and present information on the 2010 Cultural Activities Program along with recommendations for future cultural development initiatives.

Recommendation:

- A. That the evaluation of the 2009 Community Services Cultural Activities Program summary be noted.
- B. That the 2010 Community Services Cultural Activities Program be noted and endorsed.
- C. That should Council determine it wishes to pursue the facilitation of additional cultural activities beyond the current scope, that appropriate resources are allocated in the 2010/11 budget process.

Background:

Council annually facilitates or hosts cultural activity that engages with the local community and benefits a range of age and target groups. Well established cultural activity coordinated by Council includes the Poets Picnic, now in its 21st year, the Youth Photographic Award, now in its 16th year, and the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, now in its 10th year.

An evaluation of Council's Community Services Cultural Program is undertaken each year, with the 2008 program evaluation presented to the Community and Environment Committee on 9 March 2009.

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of key cultural events and activities within the 2009 Community Services Cultural Activities Program and to provide a calendar of scheduled programs and activities for 2009.

In addition, this report will also address the following resolutions:

1. Resolution, 6 April 2009: Annual Local Drama Festival in Blackburn Gardens

That Council investigate the feasibility of an annual drama festival in Blackburn Gardens. This annual event to run under the same guidelines of the Poet's Picnic and to take place at a time that does not conflict with the Poet's Picnic.

Background notes to this resolution have been recorded as follows:

- *Suggested Timing: In spring when weather is less inclement.*
- *Performers and performances: Local schools, local amateur theatre groups, known local acting talent and other local interested parties.*
- *Venue: Blackburn Gardens is a natural amphitheatre with the harbour as a backdrop*
- *Suggested Themes: Shakespeare in the Park*

- *Australian Playwrights: One Act Plays*
- *Rationale: To provide greater diversity in cultural offering by council and to enhance a sense of community through a broader appreciation of the arts.*

2. Resolution, 11 May 2009: Feasibility of a weekly competition/exhibition in pavement art

Council to investigate the feasibility of a weekly competition/exhibition in pavement art, to be held outdoors in Double Bay at an appropriate site. The motion to be referred to the Public Art Advisory Committee for their recommendations to the Community and Environment Committee

The report will also address the recommendation for a local outdoor cinema, identified through the long term corporate planning workshop held with Councillors on 18 February 2009, for a local outdoor cinema.

Relationship to the Delivery Program and Operational Plan:

Council's adopted Delivery Program and Operational Plan identifies that a key strategy for Cultural Development within Goal 3: A creative and vibrant community of the theme 'Community well-being' is to *Support and promote arts, artists and cultural development within the local community* (pg 24).

Goal 3: A creative and vibrant community recognises that *'Woollahra will be a place where people of all ages and backgrounds have access to lifelong learning opportunities, cultural and community activities. We will support local creativity, cultural pursuits and creative talents.'* (pg 22)

Goal 3 also indicates that meeting the demand for increased arts and cultural activities within the Municipality is a key challenge.

2009 Community Services Cultural Activities Program:

Consistent with strategies, priorities and actions identified in the Woollahra Council Delivery Program and Operational Plan, the Community Services Division continued to strengthen its Cultural Activities Program by bringing together a range of projects supported by Cultural Development, Library and Information Services, Community Development and Community Liaison Team staff. Community organisations were involved in many of these activities, with Council staff working with the community in a collaborative approach.

Community Services cultural programs and activities are regularly evaluated and feedback from community members, attendees and participants was encouraged as part of the evaluation process. Please see Annexure 1 for a summary listing of 2009 Community Services cultural activities, including intended aims and objectives of the activity as well as evaluation comments.

Overall, the cultural activities facilitated and coordinated by Council were successful and met their aims and objectives, with the evaluation process highlighting some areas for improvement in specific activities that will be implemented in 2010.

2010 Community Services Cultural Activities Program:

A summarised calendar of the scheduled 2010 Community Services Cultural Activities Program is provided in Annexure 2.

Role of Council in the development of community led cultural activities

The Woollahra Social and Cultural Plan 2008 to 2013 indicates that Council is a community builder and facilitator of services and programs. In meeting the social and cultural needs of its community, the Plan identifies (pg 24) that 'Woollahra Council is best placed to take a leadership and facilitation role in the provision and facilitation of accessible services and facilities.'

Based on this approach, Council is currently supporting local organisations and residents to develop their own community driven cultural activity through:

- the provision of grant funding through the Community and Cultural Grants Program,
- considerable staff liaison time required to provide expert advice and activity development support,
- the waiver of fees for venue or park hire associated with the activity where appropriate, and
- promotion of community driven cultural activities where appropriate.

Significant community led cultural activity to be facilitated or supported by Council in 2010 includes the Paddington Art Prize, Eastside Radio's World Music Festival, The Woollahra Festival, Woollahra Philharmonic Orchestra's Sesquicentenary Schubert, Double Bay Partnership's Strike A Pose Mannequin Festival and Critical Path's Research Residency Room and Program strands. These activities are also identified in Annexure 2.

Opportunities

The feasibility of the following cultural activities in the Municipality has been investigated with information provided below:

- Annual Local Drama Festival in Blackburn Gardens
- Weekly competition/exhibition in pavement art
- Outdoor Cinema

Annual Drama Festival

In determining the feasibility of producing an annual drama festival in Blackburn Gardens under the same guidelines as the Poets Picnic, background information on the Poets Picnic event has been provided.

The Poets' Picnic is an annual community event coordinated by the Woollahra Library and Information Service and Woollahra Library Friends, with expertise from a committee comprising of members of Sydney's literary community.

The event comprises a twilight poetry reading in the Blackburn Gardens featuring invited guest readers, local high school students and musicians from the Woollahra Philharmonic Orchestra. The Poets' Picnic has been running for 20 years, since the first Poets' Picnic held in 1990 to celebrate the International Year of Literacy.

Poet's Picnic has clear aims and objectives which are:

- to provide a free community event to promote the Library and Information Service and Council grounds.
- to showcase the talents of local high school students.
- to promote poetry and literacy.

- to form partnerships with community groups including local high schools, the Poets' Picnic committee, the Woollahra Library Friends and the Woollahra Philharmonic Orchestra.

Poets Picnic utilises library staff time to coordinate and the expert advice provided by its committee directly contributes to its success and popularity.

Analysis and Recommendation

Whilst Council's Delivery Program and Operation Plan recognises that local cultural pursuits and creative talents are encouraged, there has been no demand for Council to produce its own annual drama festival in Blackburn Gardens. An audit of current outdoor drama festivals and organisations within close proximity to the Municipality has been undertaken and this information is provided in Annexure 3.

A key limitation of Blackburn Gardens as a venue for staging an annual drama festival is sight lines for audience, as the space is not a true amphitheatre with gradient. Blackburn Gardens lends itself well as a venue for Poets Picnic as it is more reliant on a listening element as opposed to the sight lines required to adequately stage drama performances. More appropriate sites may be available in the Municipality if there is demand for an annual drama festival to be produced locally.

Should Council wish to facilitate this activity, it is recommended that an Expressions of Interest process be undertaken for this activity with local drama organisations that have expertise in this genre. The Expressions of Interest process would include identification of aims and objectives, themes, locations and level of Council support required.

Weekly competition/exhibition in pavement art

The resolution to investigate the feasibility of producing a weekly competition/exhibition in pavement art, to be held in Double Bay, was referred to the Public Art Advisory Committee. A Working Party of the Public Art Advisory Committee were tasked to conduct further research on the activity and have provided status updates on this project through Public Art Advisory Committee Minutes Reports presented to the Community and Environment Committee in 2009.

Analysis and Recommendation

In defining a scope for a pavement art activity, the Public Art Advisory Committee have recommended that a one day chalk art festival be staged in a suitable location in the Municipality. With the Double Bay Partnership managing the Strike A Pose Mannequin Festival in Double Bay, the Rose Bay Promenade area has been identified as a suitable location for this activity due to its accessibility and the potential for partnerships to be established with the Rose Bay Chamber of Commerce, Rose Bay RSL and local artists.

Local artist team Precinct Sydney, who currently produce the Australasian Body Paint Festival in Rose Bay, have been consulted in regards to developing cultural activity in the Rose Bay area, and have expressed their interest in partnering with Council to produce a chalk art event. Such a partnership is seen as essential by the Public Art Advisory Committee as Council does not currently have the staffing resources or networks with credible chalk artists to establish its own event.

Should Council wish to support this activity, it is recommended that Council, through the Public Art Advisory Committee, request a detailed proposal and costing for a Rose Bay chalk activity to be produced through a partnership arrangement with Precinct Sydney. This activity would require a financial commitment from Council which could be achieved through a Woollahra Section 94A Development Contribution Plan public art allocation.

Outdoor Cinema

The corporate planning workshop held with Councillors on 18 February 2009 included the suggestion for a local outdoor cinema.

Open air cinemas range in size, scale and the length of screening season, however are currently experiencing a surge in popularity as indicated in the *Sydney Morning Herald* article 'Movie Madness: stampede for Sydney open air cinema' (17/12/09).

Market leaders in outdoor cinema production currently offer a diverse range of cinema equipment from large inflatable cinemas suitable for one off screenings through to more robust set-ups as utilised in Centennial Park's Moonlight Cinema Program.

Cinema programs also vary from free, one-off screenings hosted by Local Government Authorities to encourage community engagement through to ticketed screenings offering food and beverage that are produced by professional event companies.

An audit of outdoor cinemas within close proximity to the Municipality has been undertaken and this information is provided in Annexure 4.

Analysis and Recommendation

There are multiple ticketed outdoor cinemas in close proximity to the Municipality including Bondi Openair, Centennial Park's Moonlight Cinema, St George OpenAir Cinema and North Sydney's Starlight Cinema.

There is scope to develop free, one-off screenings for the local community, however a more detailed investigation would need to be undertaken. This detailed investigation into the logistics, demand, aims and objectives, location and costings of Council hosting free, one-off outdoor cinema screenings for the local community could not be undertaken within current resources.

Summary of Opportunities

There is currently demand and opportunities for the development of new Council hosted cultural activity as well as the development of community led cultural activities in Woollahra, however this will impact on Council resources such as staffing levels and the ability to deliver current projects.

Increased community led cultural activity can be encouraged and facilitated by Council through:

- Capital sponsorship investment by Council for community led activity (such as the proposed Woollahra Festival activity).
- an increase in budget for the Community and Cultural Grants Program.
- the waiving of fees and charges associated with Council managed parks and venues that are suitable for producing community led cultural activity.

Should Council determine it wishes to pursue the facilitation of additional cultural activities beyond the current scope, detailed costings will need to be developed and included in the 2010/11 budget process. Some further planning can be achieved within current staffing resources, however this will take considerable time due to the delivery of current programs.

Conclusion:

The 2009 Community Services Cultural Activities Program was conducted through an integration of Library and Information Services, Cultural Development and Community Development for the coordination of a diverse and overall successful program which met Council objectives. The whole of division and partnership approach used to coordinate activities and programs maximised resources and ensured professional events was delivered to the community.

The 2010 Community Services Cultural Activities Program will continue with the same approach as well as endeavour to be responsive to any changing community needs through strategic review and evaluation processes.

Woollahra Council has an important role in the facilitation and development of community led cultural activity and will continue to encourage local organisations and residents to pursue available opportunities. There is scope and opportunity for the facilitation of additional cultural activity, however in order for this to occur Council may be required to invest in staff resources, capital sponsorship and increased funding for cultural budgets.

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ANNEXURES:

1. 2009 Community Services Cultural Program Summary
2. 2010 Community Services Cultural Program Calendar (includes community led cultural activity)
3. Drama Organisation and Activity Audit Summary
4. Outdoor Cinema Activity Audit Summary

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